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From the Director . . .

The New Hampshire Division of Fire Standards and Training takes every opportunity to meet the varying needs of the State's Fire Service. We are presently working diligently to make more training props available, both at the Fire Academy and around the state.

- We are in the application process to build a liquefied petroleum gas training trailer that would be available to travel around the state and offer hands-on, live fire training and leak mitigation. We are working with the Petroleum Gas Association of New England to secure the funds from the grant process.
- We are still offering the National Academy of Professional Driving course that teaches students the proper techniques of emergency driving of fire apparatus. The course consists of one day in the classroom, then one day in the field driving under stressful conditions. If you are interested in this course, please contact Bureau Chief Bruce McPherson at the Fire Academy. If your community's liability is covered by the New Hampshire Municipal Association, you may qualify for this training free of charge; ask Chief McPherson!
- The New Hampshire Association of Fire Chaplains has undertaken the project of designing, financing, and constructing a *fallen firefighter's memorial* which will be located on the grounds of the Fire Academy. There is an article in this issue, with a form to make a contribution, if you wish to assist with this worthwhile project. It is hoped that this will be a place to conduct memorial services as well as a place to sit and reflect.
- Fire Service Instructor I will be available once again in the near future. There has been a Train-the-Trainer in August to update the instructor trainers in the new curriculum, and then there will be two pilot programs, one in the north country and the other at the Fire Academy.
- The Division of Fire Standards & Training and the Governor's Office of Emergency Management recently received a grant of \$100,000 to design and build a building collapse rescue training facility. The prop will be constructed on the drill ground of the Fire Academy and will be the first of its kind in the eastern USA. Kudos to the civil engineering seniors at UNH who completed the engineering plans for the facility and NHFA Captain Charles Roffo for developing the concept for this facility!

Should your fire department have a special need for training, please contact our office for assistance.

We have a neat network where we can acquire special information and possibly funding sources for specialized training. Please let us know how we can help you. I hope for a great Fall for you, your family, and your organization. Thank you for your continued support and the service you provide to the citizens of New Hampshire!

Sincerely,

Rick Mason, Director

NEWSLETTER SUBSCRIPTIONS AVAILABLE AT NO CHARGE TO NEW HAMPSHIRE FIREFIGHTERS

Subscriptions to the bi-monthly Newsletter are available to NH Firefighters at no charge simply by completing the request below.

Name: _____

S.S. # _____ D.O.B. _____

Address: _____

Town: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Primary Fire Dept. Affiliation: Full Time Career (over \$10,000 Annually?): Yes () No ()

Primary Fire Department: _____

Rank: _____

Secondary Fire Department: _____ Rank: _____

Highest Level of Education: High School () College 2 yr. () College 4 yrs. () Post Grad. ()

Levels of Certification:

FF I () FF Career () FF 2 () FF 3 () D/O () 1st Resp. () EMT () B () A () I ()

Other: _____

EMS: _____

State Instructor: Yes () No () If yes, certified courses taught in the last year:

Title	Location	Cref # (if available)	Dates	Hours

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Newsletter Request
New Hampshire Fire Academy
10 Hazen Drive
Concord NH 03305

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Weds.	Sept. 1	NH Fire Standards & Training Commission Meeting	NHFA
Mon. & Weds. ..	Sept. 8 - Feb.16	Firefighter I (Sections A & B) – Evening Program	NHFA
Thurs.	Sept. 9	Tests/Retests; sittings at 9:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.	NHFA
Fri.	Sept. 10	Fall 1999 Fire Officer Program Application Deadline	NHFA
Mon.	Sept. 20 - 24	Statewide Firefighter Entrance Examination	NHFA
Thurs.	Sept. 23	Fall 1999 Fire Officer Program Orientation	NHFA
Sun. - Sat.	Sept. 26 - Oct.2	Rescue Systems I	NHFA
Sun. - Sat.	Oct. 3 - 9	Fire Prevention Week	
Mon. - Fri.	Oct. 4 - Nov. 5	Fall 1999 Fire Officer Program	NHFA
Weds.	Oct. 6	NH Fire Standards & Training Commission Meeting	NHFA
Thurs.	Oct. 14	Tests/Retests; sittings at 9:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.	NHFA
Sat. - Sun.	Oct. 16 - 17	NFA Methods of Enhancing Safety Education (MESE)	NHFA
Mon. - Fri.	Oct. 18 - 24	NAPD All Vehicle Program	NHFA/Pease

UPCOMING EVENTS

1999

Weds.	Nov. 3	NH Fire Standards & Training Commission Meeting and Academy Awards Ceremony	NHFA
Mon. - Fri.	Nov. 15 - 21	NAPD All Vehicle Program	NHFA/Pease
Thurs.	Nov. 18	Tests/Retests; sittings at 9:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.	NHFA
Weds.	Dec. 1	NH Fire Standards & Training Commission Meeting	NHFA
Thurs.	Dec. 9	Tests/Retests; sittings at 9:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.	NHFA

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Sat. - Sun.	Feb. 12 - 13	NFA Emergency Response to Terrorism: Tactical Considerations Hazardous Materials (ERT:TC-MH)	NHFA
Sat. - Sun.	Mar. 11 - 12	NFA Emergency Response to Terrorism: Tactical Considerations Emergency Medical Services (ERT:TC-EMS)	NHFA
Sat. - Sun.	Sept. 16 - 17	NFA Managing in a Changing Environment (MCE)	NHFA

NH Fire Academy Staff Instructors Needed

If you are currently an Active State Instructor and are interested in becoming a NH Fire Academy Staff Instructor, please submit a written request as soon as possible for an application packet to:
Susan Beaudoin, NH Fire Academy, 10 Hazen Drive, Concord, NH 03305, Fax: 271-1091



Staff Biographical Sketches

The Fire Service News is continuing a column profiling two Division employees in each issue. Customers will now be able to put a face with a name, and know who they are talking to when they call the Division.



SUSAN J. BEAUDOIN, Administrative Secretary

Susan J. Beaudoin was born in Claremont, NH, and moved to Concord when she was 10. She is a graduate of Concord High School. Sue worked for the State of New Hampshire with the Water Supply & Pollution Control Commission, the Board of Nursing Education & Nurse Registration, and the Division of Vocational-Technical Education, before joining Fire Standards & Training in March 1979.

Sue is the Office Manager for the Fire Academy. She works with accounts payable, payroll, and purchasing; supervises four secretarial/clerical positions; and generally tries to keep everyone and everything in order!

Sue resides in Epsom with her husband, Bert, and their 15-year-old daughter, Michelle. Her son, Bret, also lives in Epsom with his wife, Tammy, and their daughter, Kescia (8 years old) and their son, Bryan (2 years old). Sue also shares her home with Barney Beagle, and her cats, Lucy and Misty.

Sue has been a member of the Epsom Fire Department Auxiliary for 20 years, has held several offices with the Auxiliary, and is still currently active

with them. She is currently Treasurer of her TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) chapter, is a member of the NH Association of Certified Public Managers, is a Steward and a Councilor for the NH State Employees Association, and is a member of the Department of Safety Joint Loss Management Committee. In the past, Sue has been the Secretary and an Alternate Member of the Epsom Zoning Board of Adjustment, Secretary for the Epsom PTO, Secretary for the NH Fire Service Committee of Merit, and a judge for Odyssey of the Mind. In her precious spare time, she enjoys reading, walking, and working on counted cross stitch.

DENNIS ROSOLEN, Captain

Dennis Rosolen began his fire service career as a volunteer Firefighter for the Lincoln Fire Department in 1982 and served in that position for a number of years until he moved to North Woodstock. Shortly after he settled in, Dennis served as Training Officer for the Woodstock Fire Department until 1996 when he returned to the Lincoln Fire Department as its Training Officer and Deputy Chief where he currently maintains this position.

After earning an Associate of Applied Science Degree from the County College of Morris and a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Kean College of New Jersey, Dennis moved to Lincoln, New Hampshire in 1976 where he began his career as an Industrial Arts/Technology Teacher. While teaching at Lin-Wood Public School, he received his Masters Degree from the University of New Hampshire in Vocational Administration and Guidance and continued to teach in Lincoln until starting as a Captain at the Division of Fire Standards and Training in June of 1999.

Dennis will be working in the Bureau of Training and Certification as the Curriculum Specialist and will be responsible for the Accreditation of the programs at the Academy as his first duty.

Dennis resides in North Woodstock with his wife, Karen, of 25 years and two children, Mark (21) who is a senior at Clarkson University for Mechanical Engineering and Kristin (18) who will be entering Husson College for Physical Therapy as a Freshman this September. A long-time Scout and Scouter of over 30 years, Dennis has served as Scoutmaster, District Training Chairman, Contingent Leader and Scoutmaster for the 1985 and 1993 National Scout Jamborees, and is recently the Unit Commissioner for the Lin-Wood Troop and Pack 224. When there is nothing else to do, Dennis enjoys fishing, hunting, hiking and making Shaker furniture.



First "Walk of Honor" Bricks Laid at Firefighters Memorial Park

Emmitsburg, Md. – The National Fallen Firefighters Foundation (NFFF) proudly unveiled the first section of the commemorative brick "Walk of Honor" on August 3, 1999. These bricks represent a symbolic beginning for the walk that will be a major feature of the new National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Park.

Federal Emergency Management (FEMA) Agency Director James Lee Witt joined members of the NFFF's Board of Directors and other fire service leaders in the ceremony held at the official national monument to all firefighters. Leaders were on the National Emergency Training Center campus to attend FEMA's Fire Service Stakeholders' Meeting. Fire service personnel attending National Fire Academy classes also attended the dedication.

"The Walk of Honor symbolizes a beginning – a significant step in making the National Memorial Park a reality," said Hal Bruno, Vice Chair of the NFFF. "The walk reflects the bond shared among those in the fire service family."

"It is fitting and proper that the new National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Park will be here at the National Fire Academy," said Witt. "As firefighters from across the country come for training, they will have the opportunity to visit the Walk of Honor and remember their departed comrades."

The bricks represent the initial phase of the walkway that will connect the different sections of the Memorial Park. The walk – being built through sales of bricks – honors and memorializes America's fire service. To date, individuals, departments, organizations, National Fire Academy classes, and survivors of fallen firefighters have purchased 1,070 bricks resulting in contributions totaling over \$140,000. The landscaped walkway will connect the national monument with the historic Fallen Firefighters Chapel, and the planned Visitors Information Center.

The bricklaying ceremony was the second major event this summer in the ongoing development of the National Firefighters Memorial Park. In June, the NFFF announced a \$50,000 grant from The Allstate Foundation to begin construction of a Visitors Information Center.

Congress created the NFFF in 1992 to lead a nationwide effort to honor and remember fallen firefighters and to provide support programs for their survivors.

For more information on the new National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Park, contact the NFFF via email at firehero@erols.com or write to Post Office Drawer 498, Emmitsburg, Maryland 21727. Another source of information is the NFFF website at www.firehero.org.

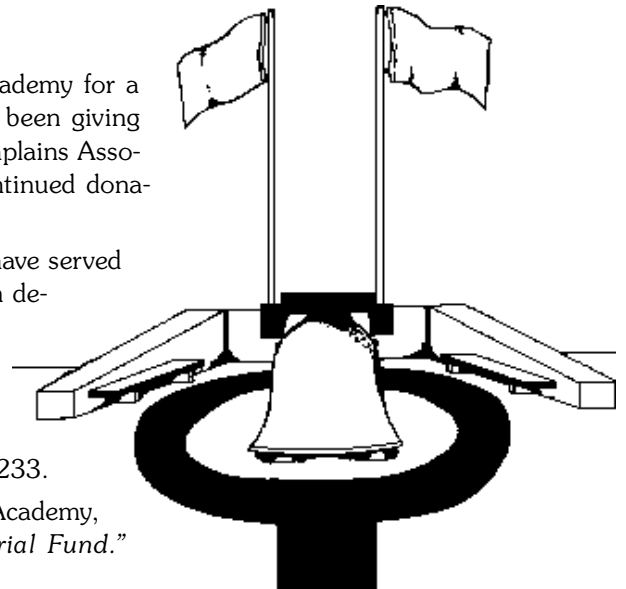
Firefighters Memorial Underway

The site is being cleared and improved at the New Hampshire Fire Academy for a Firefighters Memorial. Fire Service personnel from across the State have been giving generously to the project. Currently, the Memorial Account of the Fire Chaplains Association has about \$4,000. This is far from the total amount needed. Continued donations are needed, and corporate sponsors are also being sought.

The final design will be something of tradition and pride to those who have served (see sketch). To honor the fallen, please send any information you have on department members who have sacrificed their lives in the line of duty. Include any supporting facts for helping us make a determination of name placement.

If you have any questions or would like further information, please contact Charles Chalk, Hudson Fire Department, at 886-6021, extension 233.

Send donations in care of NH Association of Fire Chaplains, NH Fire Academy, 10 Hazen Drive, Concord, NH 03305. Make checks payable to "Memorial Fund." Please include the following information with your donation:



Name: _____ Dept.: _____

Home Mailing Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Donation made in memory of: _____

THE FIRE SERVICE NEWS 1999-2000 ADVERTISING RATES

Display Advertising Prices (black and white only)

AD SIZE	1 TIME INSERTION	6 ISSUES	MEASUREMENTS/INCHES
1 PAGE	\$280	\$240 each/\$1,440 total	7 width x 10 height
1/2 PAGE	\$180	\$150 each/\$900 total	7 width x 4 7/8 height or 3 3/8 width x 10 height
1/4 PAGE	\$95	\$80 each/\$480 total	7 width x 2 3/8 height or 3 3/8 width x 4 7/8 height
BUSINESS CARD SIZE	\$50	\$40 each/\$240 total	3 1/2 width x 4 7/8 height

NOTES: Advertisements must be paid in advance.

Rates are quoted for camera-ready advertisements; the Division does not offer layout or composition services.

1. Develop the advertisement you wish to be submitted, which meets the above criteria.
2. Decide how often to run this advertisement, either a single issue or six consecutive issues, send a check for the applicable amount made payable to: *Fire Standards & Training*.
Newletters are published every other month with the first day of every even month being the deadline for the following issue (i.e., February 1 is the deadline for the March/April issue).
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If by U.S. Postal – Fire Service News Advertisement, Division of Fire Standards & Training, 10 Hazen Drive, Concord, NH 03305.
If by courier company – Fire Service News Advertisement, NH Fire Academy, 222 Sheep Davis Road, Concord, NH 03301.
4. Have a contact person and telephone number listed should any questions arise.
5. We may be contacted at 603-271-2661 or 800-371-4503.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

TESTS/RETESTS SCHEDULE FOR FIRE ACADEMY

Effective July 1, 1999, the New Hampshire Fire Academy has instituted a one-day-a-month tests/re-tests schedule which will be held the second Thursday of each month (with the exception of November 1999 which will be the third Thursday due to Veterans' Day holiday). The first test sitting of the tests/retests day will be at 9:30 a.m., and the second sitting will be at 6:00 p.m.

Anyone needing to test or retest any written or practical examination may register to participate in this once a month test by contacting his/her District Secretary.

You are requested to register by the 1st of each month for that month's testing in order to allow us time to hire the necessary number of evaluators. If you register after the 1st, you may have to wait for the next month's testing.

DISTRICT SECRETARIES

603-271-2661 or 800-371-4503

Stacey DeVol – Districts 1, 4, 5, and 6 (Rockingham, Sullivan, Merrimack, and Strafford Counties)

Dale Boyd – Districts 2, 3, 7, 8, 9, and 10 (Hillsborough, Cheshire, Belknap, Carroll, Grafton, and Coos Counties)

NEW HAMPSHIRE FIRE PREVENTION SOCIETY & NEW HAMPSHIRE CHAPTER OF IAAI

FIRE INVESTIGATION SEMINAR

Wednesday, September 15, 1999

New Hampshire Fire Academy
222 Sheep Davis Road
Concord, New Hampshire

8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (Lunch and breaks included)

“Suspecting One of Your Own”

The investigation of firefighters as suspects in arson. As well as The Lie Detector and its use in investigations. Presented by Clay Young, retired NH State Police Major Crime Unit. Prerequisite for this section: you must enclose with application a letter from the chief of department (on department letterhead) stating that you are either the department's fire investigator or a detective.

Evidence Collection and “InterFIRE” Program

Evidence collection techniques and the new InterFIRE interactive computer program for investigators. Presented by the Bureau of ATF. Wayne Miller from Boston ATF and Brian Hovack from Washington, DC ATF.

Both programs will be tested for CFI certification points.

APPLICATION

Name: _____ Rank: _____

Address: _____

City/Town: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

PICK ONE PROGRAM

_____ ***“Suspecting One of Your Own”***; MUST INCLUDE letter from Chief of Department.

_____ ***“Evidence Collection/InterFIRE”***

COST

\$40.00 member, \$50.00 non-member (Includes Breaks and Lunch)

Make checks payable to: NHFPS-NHIAAI

Mail Application and payment to: Hooksett Fire Department
c/o September Seminar
15 Legends Drive
Hooksett, NH 03106



NH FOREST FIRE SERVICES

News & Notes



Remember . . . Safety First . . . On Every Incident . . . Every Time!

- 1) Staff changes - Bryan Nowell and Bert von Dohrmann have been promoted to the South and North Regional Forest Ranger positions. By mid-August 1999, we hope to have the Coos County (District 7) position filled. We will be conducting interviews in August for the Hillsborough County (District 3) position.

We delayed filling these positions to allow us to reevaluate the Forest Rangers responsibilities and how we interact with New Hampshire communities.

- 2) Fire Training Weekend - scheduled for July 23-25, 1999 was cut short due to severe weather. We had 104 trainees and instructors utilizing the Forest Rangers, Special Deputy Wardens and firefighters from across the state. We trained in pumps/water handling; fire line construction/mop-up/burn-out procedures; fire shelter deployment and exercising a large fire incident management team for in state fires. The American Red Cross provided food and medical units for this joint training exercise.
- 3) We've had lots of on the job training this year with more than 1,200 fires reported, 500+ acres burned and 35 structures impacted. The Forest Rangers, fire towers, patrols and, of course, local communities have been REALLY busy and have been doing a great job keeping the fires small.

Be safe out there - the weather service is predicting this fire weather will continue.

- 4) NEW? Wildland Fire Response vehicles - With the assistance of Special Deputies Rick Bilodeau, Jon Haskell, K.G. Lockwood and others, the Division now has three vehicles in the south ready, willing and able to deliver wildland fire supplies to fires on either FEPP vehicles or former Ranger vehicles. We hope to decal our northern patrol vehicles in a similar fashion soon.
- 5) We received 42 ice storm fuel load assessments from 42 communities. These communities will soon be able to apply for wildland fire suppression equipment and PPE.

Thank you for your cooperation and for fighting fire aggressively, but keeping **Safety First!**

Robert D. Nelson
Chief, Forest Protection

ATTENTION FIRE DEPARTMENT AUXILIARIES

The New Hampshire Fire Academy is looking for New Hampshire Fire Department Auxiliaries who may be interested in furnishing morning buffets, lunches, and afternoon breaks for day-time programs, and refreshments for evening graduations at the Academy. The approximate number of people per day-time program would be 30 and graduations would be 100. Fees would be negotiated in advance and would be dependent on what would be served. If your Auxiliary is interested in earning some money, please complete this form and return it to: Susan Beaudoin, NH Fire Academy, 10 Hazen Drive, Concord, NH 03305; or fax it to 271-1091.

Auxiliary Contact Person: _____

Auxiliary Mailing Address: _____

Contact Person's Title: _____

Contact Person's Telephone Number: _____

Contact Person's Fax Number: _____

Contact Person's E-mail Address: _____

Reminder From January 6, 1997 Release: NHTSA Warns About Risk of Fire While Filling Portable Gas Containers

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) today urged motorists to avoid risk of fire by placing portable gasoline containers on the ground while filling them because filling them while they are located in beds of pickup trucks or in trunks of passenger car compartments can be hazardous.

Take the portable gas container out of your vehicle and set it on the ground while filling it with gas. Static electricity could cause fire to erupt while fueling when it is in your car or pickup bed, NHTSA Administrator Ricardo Martinez, M.D., said. Adding to the danger is the location where these fires could occur – at a gas station while getting fuel for your snow blower or emergency generator. Cold, dry days in winter increase the chance of ignition, so preventive measures are important.

Dr. Martinez told owners who have bedliners in their pickups to be especially careful. A bedliner is a plastic, protective lining that fits inside pickup beds to protect the vehicle's surface from wear and tear.

He explained that the bedliner acts as an insulator, allowing static electricity to build up on the gasoline container while it is being filled. The flow of gasoline through the pump nozzle can produce static electricity. During fueling, this can create a spark

between the container and the fuel nozzle, igniting gasoline vapors and causing a fire or explosion. This danger also applies to nonmetallic containers capable of building up a static charge.

According to NHTSA, there have been 24 fires and 5 injuries associated with static electricity discharge from portable fuel containers, some of which included serious injuries and extensive property damage. Most of the fires involved pickup trucks that had plastic bedliners. Reports also describe fires that resulted while portable gasoline containers were being filled in trunks and passenger compartments of vehicles, when carpeting acted as an insulator.

NHTSA recommends the following safe procedures for filling portable gasoline containers:

- Dispense gasoline only into approved containers.
- Do not fill a container while it is inside a vehicle, a vehicle's trunk, pickup bed or on any surface other than the ground.
- Bring the fill nozzle in contact with the inside of the fill opening before operating the nozzle.
Contact should be maintained until the filling operation is complete.
- Don't smoke while pumping gasoline.

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RECIPROCITY

Over the years, fire service training in the United States has been available in many different shapes sizes and lengths. Each fire training agency has always had its own thumbprint on the programs that it offered. In fact, the majority of fire training entities had to develop their own curriculum in order to meet the needs of their fire service audience. This "in house" development led to the utilization of many different ideas, methodologies and ultimately a variety of training programs presented in a variety of different ways.

The above potpourri of training programs was a complicated effort to provide location specific information to the participants. Further, this assortment of classes did not lend itself an easy path when the successful student changed departments and/or states. Because of the diversity of the programs, the effort to sort out where the programs were similar became very difficult and time consuming for the selected fire training agency to accomplish.

The process of matching objectives and evolutions for common ground and consistency as described above is referred to as Reciprocity. Reciprocity is defined in Webster's Third New International Dictionary, page 1895 as: "A2b. a mutual exchange of courtesies between two states or institutions; specif: a recognition by each state or institution of the validity of licenses or privileges granted by the other to its citizens or members." Essentially, reciprocity is "mutual aid" for fire training agencies, and it is with this definition in mind that this article is written.

As you may already know, the New Hampshire Division of Fire Standards and Training (NHDFST) is pursuing the process of becoming accredited with the goal of January 1, 2000 as the date that the application process will be completed. As a result and at this time in the history of NHDFST, we are able to

shorten the time for reviewing reciprocity issues, especially when a candidate provides copies of their accredited certificates.

If a candidate from another state or a New Hampshire Firefighter attends and successfully completes an accredited certification program in another state, then presents true copies of the appropriate certificates to the NHDFST, the NHDFST will issue a letter of equivalency to the Candidate provided the course is in the NHDFST curriculum. The letter will state that the NHDFST recognizes this accredited training as being equivalent to the same program offered in this state with all of the honors, privileges and responsibilities pertaining thereto.

If the local Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ) does not accept the letter, then the candidate must take and/or submit copies of: current CPR card and Emergency First Care or EMT B, I, P and a NH Forestry Certificate or National Wildfire Coordinating Group (NWCG) certificates for the courses I-100, S-130 and S-190. Once that documentation is received at the NHDFST, the candidate then has the opportunity to challenge the written and practical exams one time for a fee of \$50. If successful, a NH Certificate will be issued. If the candidate is not successful, he/she must take the program and successfully pass the exams for a NH certificate.

If a candidate's certificates are not accredited, then the candidate must submit as much supporting material as possible in order for the NHDFST to compare programs. Some important pieces to send are: objectives for each unit successfully completed, a student manual for the program, if possible, as well as any copies of the practical evolutions of the program to be compared. This scenario is the most complicated and time consuming and therefore will cost the candidate \$100.

If you have any further questions or concerns, please call the NHFA at 1-800-371-4503.

NOTICE

The Office of the State Fire Marshal can obtain a FREE copy of The Community Based Fire Safety Education Handbook for your department. This handbook is designed to assist you in development of your community-based fire safety education program.

To request your copy, contact the State Fire Marshal's Office by fax 271-1091 or call 271-3294, with the following information:

Community Based Fire Safety Education Handbook request

Department _____

Name and title _____

Mailing address _____

Telephone number _____

CPSC Does Not Revoke Children's Sleepwear Amendments

On June 16, the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) voted 2-1 not to revoke the 1996 amendments to the Children's Sleepwear Flammability Standards. The National Volunteer Fire Council (NVFC) is strongly opposed to the CPSC's decision.

In 1996, the CPSC voted 2-1 to relax its landmark 1972 safety standard for flammability of children's sleepwear. CPSC's controversial loosening of the standard now allows "tight-fitting" sleepwear to be exempt from fire safety rules, based on the theory that "tight-fitting" pajamas are difficult to ignite.

The NVFC believes that the more relaxed standards are dangerous and that children's lives are at risk. Young children are already at extremely high risk for burn and fire injuries. Prior to the 1996 amendments to the standard, deaths and injuries from sleepwear incidents were reduced by tenfold after the 1972 standards were enacted.

However, there is still a legislative solution in Congress. Representatives Robert Andrews (D-NJ) and Rosa DeLauro (D-CT) have proposed H.R. 329, which requires the CPSC to revoke the amendments it made in 1996 to the Children's Sleepwear Safety Standard. Senator William Roth (R-DE) is considering introducing similar legislation in the Senate.

NVFC Chairman Fred G. Allinson, along with other major fire service organizations, submitted testimony to the CPSC on April 22, urging them to revoke the 1996 amendments and return to the stronger fire safety standards which kept children safe for more than 25 years.

The NVFC is urging everyone to write their Representative to ask them to support H.R. 329, the Children's Sleepwear Safety Act.

JOB OPPORTUNITY

The Town of Bristol, New Hampshire, in the heart of the Lakes Region, seeks dynamic, full-time Fire Chief. Population 2,700 year round. Qualified candidates must be proven leaders, with great interpersonal communication skills, administrative and budgetary experience, and a licensed EMT-basic with progressive supervisory experience in a fire department. A 15-minute response time from home to the Bristol Fire Station will be required. Salary range \$35,000 - \$45,000. Qualified applicants may submit resume and cover letter to: Town Administrator, 230 Lake Street, Bristol, New Hampshire 03222 by September 3, 1999. The Town of Bristol is an EOE.

CPSC, EKCO Housewares Inc. Announce Recall of Utility Lighters

Washington, D.C. - In cooperation with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), EKCO Housewares Inc., of Franklin Park, Ill., is recalling about 333,000 utility lighters. These lighters can ignite in the trigger area when the trigger is pulled, creating a risk of fire and burn hazards to consumers.

EKCO Housewares, Inc. received four reports of these lighters flaring up during use, causing minor burns to consumers' hands and arms.

The recalled utility lighters are refillable and contain butane. They are about 9 inches long and have a white plastic base, red plastic handle with a black plastic trigger and on/off switch, and a metal barrel. "GAS TORCH" is imprinted on the barrel. A yellow label is affixed to the handle and reads in part, "DANGER: EXTREMELY FLAMMABLE CONTENTS UNDER PRESSURE...MADE IN CHINA."

The lighters were packaged in cardboard display sleeves under the brand name EKCO. The package lists either item number 58046 or 15387.

Mass merchandise, hardware and grocery stores sold the lighters nationwide from January 1997 through June 1999 for about \$3.

Consumers should stop using the recalled lighters immediately and return them to the store where purchased for a refund. Alternatively, consumers can obtain a refund, plus postage, by mailing either the package card or white plastic base of the lighter to EKCO Housewares at 9234 West Belmont Avenue, Franklin Park, Ill 60131, Attention: Customer Service Department. Consumers should throw the body of the lighter in the trash. It should not be incinerated or punctured. For more information about this recall, consumers should call EKCO Housewares at (800) 964-9687 between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. CDT Monday through Friday.

SUBMISSIONS

Submissions to The Fire Service News are encouraged. For consideration, articles and photographs should be of interest to New Hampshire firefighters and the greater fire service community. Black & White photographs provide the best clarity. Direct submissions, with appropriate publication releases, to:

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The Fire Service News
10 Hazen Drive
Concord, New Hampshire 03305

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